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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 25 January 1968

DD/I reported that Task Force [] was negative and

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25X1 DD/I noted that [] briefings around the country continue to draw rave notices.

Godfrey reported that the updating of the Pueblo chronology will be completed by midmorning.

Godfrey drew attention to the cable from Ambassador Thompson reporting on his discussion with Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Kuznetsov in which Kuznetsov emphasized that the Soviets were not and would not get involved in the Pueblo situation. A short discussion followed revolving around Ambassador Thompson's opinion that the Soviets are not involved and around []

25X1 [] noted by the DD/P, that, if anything, Soviet intercession with North Korea might delay return of the Pueblo.

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D/ONE noted that the Thompson-Kuznetsov meeting took place some nine hours after the Pueblo incident had occurred and that the Soviets have therefore had ample time to prepare a careful response to the U. S. request for Soviet intercession with the North Koreans.

D/ONE reported that Ambassador Palmer has requested a paper on Nigeria for use in SIG. The Director concurred in D/ONE's suggestion that the paper be dispatched to SIG without the Director's review.

DD/S reported that the Office of Communications employee who unwittingly escorted the desperado off the Headquarters grounds will appear before the U. S. Commissioner today []

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Carver reported that yesterday's session with the Marines had gone well.

Carver drew attention to the editorial in today's New York Times which includes a badly distorted chronology vis-a-vis the commencement of U. S. bombing and infiltration of North Vietnamese regulars into South Vietnam.

Houston reported that there was a meeting in Headquarters yesterday of several executive agencies concerning S. 1035. In response to the Director's query, Houston indicated that the next step on this matter is to prepare a brief on the problems which S. 1035 poses for the intelligence community and to hold it available for possible use in testimony during the current session of Congress.

Bross noted that he will be seeing Livingston Merchant tomorrow in connection with the Eaton Panel.

DD/S&T reported that arrangements have been made for three OXCART passes over North Korea.

DDCI drew attention to the CINCPAC fleet proposal for military intervention in any North Korean salvage operation on the Pueblo equipment thrown overboard before the North Korean boarding.

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L. K. White

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